Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of operating a communication device, the communication device configurable to operate in a mobile communications network, the device operating using a protocol having a physical layer, and at least an RRC (radio resource control) layer and an RLC (radio link control) layer of a UMTS system, wherein the RRC layer is arranged to submit an SDU to the RLC layer for communication using the physical layer, the method comprising:

in response to a signal from said RLC layer, said signal being indicative of discard of said SDU:

causing said RRC layer to resubmit said SDU to said RLC layer a predetermined number N of times, N being a number greater than zero; and

in response to N further signals indicative of said discard, causing said RRC layer to submit to said RLC layer a CELL UPDATE message indicative of an unrecoverable error in said RLC layer for emission in response thereto.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising setting an operating mode wherein an acknowledgement of successful reception of said SDU is awaited.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein [[N=0]] N=1.

4. (currently amended) A method of operating a mobile communications network having at least one cell, said cell having at least one user communication device and at least one network control device for communicating with each user communication device, each ~~user~~ communication device operating using a protocol having a physical layer, and at least an RRC (radio resource control) layer and an RLC (radio link control) layer of a UMTS, wherein the

RRC layer is arranged to submit an SDU to the RLC layer for communication using the physical layer, the method comprising:

in response to a signal from said RLC layer, said signal being indicative of discard of said SDU, causing said RRC layer to resubmit said SDU to said RLC layer a predetermined number N of times, N being a number greater than zero; and

~~and~~ in response to N further signals indicative of said discard submitting by said RRC layer to said RLC layer of a CELL UPDATE message arranged to cause the network control device to emit for said user communication device a CELL UPDATE CONFIRM message arranged to cause said ~~user~~ communication device to reconfigure to a determined state.

5. (original) A method according to claim 4, further comprising setting an operating mode wherein an acknowledgement of successful reception of said SDU is awaited.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein [[N=0]] N=1.

7. (currently amended) A method of operating a communication device, the communication device configurable to operate in a mobile communications network, the device operating using a protocol having a physical layer, and at least an RRC (radio resource control) layer and an RLC (radio link control) layer of a UMTS, wherein the RRC layer is arranged to submit an SDU to the RLC layer for communication using the physical layer, the method comprising:

in response to a signal from said RLC layer, said signal being indicative of discard of said SDU, causing said RRC layer to resubmit said SDU to said RLC layer a predetermined number N of times, N being a number greater than zero; and

~~and~~ in response to N further signals indicative of said discard, releasing the connection between peer layers at the said device and the said network and entering an idle mode.

8. (original) A method according to claim 7, further comprising setting an operating mode wherein an acknowledgement of successful reception of said SDU is awaited.

9. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein [[N=0]] N=1.

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